

## ABSTRACT

An Email control system and method is used in a computer data communications network, which includes a client computer and an Email server, in which the client computer contains an Email client having a physical Email address. The system includes a Client Control Program, which resides on the client computer, and an Alias Email Server, which communicates with the client over the data communications network. The method includes the steps of entering the physical Email address into the Client Control Program , together with client identification information. The Alias Email Server then generates an alias Email address, which is communicated back to the user, and additionally is stored in the Alias Email Server. The client then may make the Alias Email Address available to vendors or other correspondent wishing to communicate with the client. When the correspondent directs an Email to the client at the Alias Email Address, the Email is intercepted by the Alias Email Server, and is either forwarded to the client, filtered, or blocked. The Client Control Program allows for the client to control forwarding, filtering, or blocking, based on the Alias Email Address used by the correspondent, who never is given the physical Email address. The system also provides the client with a log of all transactions, including the time and date of the transactions, Alias Email Address used in the transaction, other identification information input by the client when the Alias Email Address was created.